

GEORGE WINTERS RECEIVES PROMOTION
George Winters, son of Fire Department Captain and Mrs. Roy Winters has been promoted to Momm 3.c. He has been serving aboard a destroyer in the Pacific, and while the tone of his letters is cheerful, he would like a few letters from his friends at home.

SUMMER CAMPS
The County Health Department announces today that more than 50 summer camps for boys and girls scattered throughout the county are in operation.

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Gas Stoves Rationing Ends July 31

Gas cooking and heating stoves will go off rationing July 31, the OPA and the WPB announced in a joint statement. These stoves had been rationed since August 24, 1943, with only those holding certificates being eligible to purchase them.

The two agencies explained that a substantial increase in production of gas cooking and heating stoves made elimination of rationing possible.

However, oil-gas combinations, oil cooking and oil heating stoves and combination oil-gas stoves will continue to be rationed. Also remaining under rationing will be oil conversion burners for stoves, the agencies' statement said. Short supplies of fuel oil and kerosene make necessary the continued rationing of these types of stoves, it was explained.

Persons now holding certificates between now and July 31—time set for the end of rationing of the stoves—will, it was made clear, be served by dealers before other purchasers get their certificate-free.

SPANISH FILMS

Lou Goldberg, manager of the Globe Theatre in San Pedro announced today the showing of an all Spanish program each Wednesday and Thursday.

Now playing are two Spanish pictures, "La Hija Del Regimiento" and "Tentación."

Lieut. Shidler Meets Brothers At Pacific Base

One of those "once in a lifetime" experiences was shared by Lieut. Frederic P. Shidler, MC, USN, who was commended for completing an operation which was under way when a Japanese suicide plane hit his ship, the U. S. S. Pinkney, Navy transport and his brothers.

When the Pinkney made port in the South Pacific after the attack, Lieutenant Shidler met Pfc. George F. Shidler and Pfc. James G. Shidler. The brothers, George, with headquarters of the First Marines, and James, with a signal company, were en route to Okinawa when the meeting took place.

The world did not know of the attack upon the Pinkney at the time, and the brothers had a fine reunion on the island base.

Lieutenant Shidler and Catherine Clegg, Red Cross worker with two years overseas' duty, were married in Torrance last Friday in the presence of members of the family and friends.

With Lieut. John Shidler, they are sons of Mrs. Mina Shidler, of this city.

TO PLAY HERE
A boys' baseball team from Wilmington will play the Torrance Junior Wildcats at 2 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, July 27, at Torrance City Park. Duane Foster is captain of the Torrance group, which has an age limit of 12 years.

Blighted Area Removal Bill Becomes Law

The signing of Assembly Bill No. 1531, known as the "Urban Redevelopment Bill," by Governor Earl Warren carries out one of the major recommendations of the State Reconstruction and Reemployment Commission. In its report to the Governor and the Legislature, the Commission pointed out that this legislation was needed because of the widely recognized existence of "blighted areas" in California cities. In some cases these areas are a menace to public health and safety and a contributing factor to crime and juvenile delinquency. Frequently they stand in the way of needed development of both homes and industries. Always they are a drain on the taxpayers.

The Commission called a number of meetings of interested groups and general agreement was reached on the legislation. The measure is officially known as the "Community Redevelopment Act." It sets up the legal machinery by which local governments can assemble properties within "blighted areas" and cause redevelopment to be carried out in such areas by private enterprise.

Colonel Alexander R. Heron, State Director of Reconstruction and Reemployment, pointed out that the problem of "blighted areas" within cities became acute as a result of California's tremendous increase in population and the fact that California has become one of the most urban states in the Union.

The general provisions of the act give the legislative body of a community the authority to adopt ordinances by a two-thirds vote, designating one or more "blighted areas" either upon the initiative of the body or through petition by an individual or a group of citizens.

Legal procedure is then provided through the city's planning commission, for the adoption of a redevelopment plan, following which a redevelopment agency is set up to carry out the project. This agency, consisting of five citizens, is appointed by the mayor of a city or chairman of a board of county supervisors.

The agency is given authority to assemble property within a "blighted area" through purchase, lease, gift or grant. The agency also is empowered to acquire all or part of the real property within the project area by eminent domain, within the provisions of the California law. The plan for lease or sale of the property, for development by private enterprise, must be presented before any action is started by the city or county.

Easing of Meat, Poultry, Fish Situation Seen

The meat situation will be improved by the end of the summer or in the early fall, according to Douglas Boyle, OPA consultant.

The extreme shortage of poultry, fish and eggs in California is not worse than it is all over the country, he added.

Boyle, a hotel man, is acting as OPA chief consultant to institutional food users. He is a dollar-a-year man.



WITH ATLANTIC FLEET... Lt. William C. Powers, USNR, 1751 Pacific Coast highway, Lomita, who serves as a specialist with the Atlantic Fleet anti-submarine warfare unit. Official Navy photo.

Vets' Service Center Week Starts July 29

Services which a grateful community is providing for its returning veterans and their families through the Veterans Service Center, a downtown headquarters for 14 major agencies, will be emphasized during Veterans Service Center Week, July 29 to August 4.

Centrally located at 306 W. Third st., Los Angeles, the VSC combines under one roof all the agencies which a veteran might wish to contact — veteran's groups, government departments, public and private health and welfare organizations, business and labor groups.

The center is maintained by Area War Chest funds for a single purpose — service to the veteran and his family. Its two main functions are to provide a community-wide (34 cities and towns in the Los Angeles area) organization through which all activities directed toward the benefit of war veterans may be coordinated and to operate a central headquarters in which representatives of all major agencies equipped to advise and serve veterans may be housed.

Among principal services available to veterans at the center are adjustment of government claims, job counseling, job finding and placement, emergency and long-term financing, hospitalization, business counseling, rehabilitation, assistance with problems of family welfare, child welfare, and educational benefits.

Agencies which are cooperating to provide complete, efficient service are the Veterans Administration, the U. S. Employment Service, Selective Service, the State Department of Education's Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, the County Department of Charities, the American Red Cross, the Veterans Service Committee of the National Jewish Welfare Board, the American Legion Service Department, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S., Disabled American Veterans, the Welfare Council, the American Federation of Labor, the Congress of Industrial Organizations, and the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association.

Purple Heart Award Goes to R. D. Anderson

While fighting the stubborn Japs in the recent drive along the Villa Verde Trail in Northern Luzon, Sgt. Raymond D. Anderson of Torrance, was struck by an enemy sniper bullet in the leg and has been awarded the Purple Heart.

Sergeant Anderson, who has now fully recovered, has assumed the duties of a squad leader, having recently been promoted to his present grade from private first class. He has been in action with Major General William H. Gill's famed 32d (Red Arrow) Infantry Division, which is now in its fourth year of combat against the enemy in the SWP.

Serving in Company K of the division's crack 128th Regiment, Sergeant Anderson has been overseas eight months and is entitled to wear, in addition to the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge and Philippine Liberation Medal. His wife, Mrs. Ella Anderson, lives at 1144 Maple st., Torrance.

Local Softball Players to Meet Long Beach Nine

By RED MOON

Saturday, July 28, at 8 p.m., an all-star team has been chosen from the ten-team Torrance Industrial Softball League and arrangements have been completed for a home and home game with the Long Beach Press-Telegram Green Streaks, managed by the colorful Joe Rogers who is well known to local fans.

Joe is famed in Southland softball circles for his ability to turn out top notch teams and for the past years he has turned out winning teams, bringing the National League title home on four successive seasons in this period. The National League has disbanded for this duration and Joe's present team is composed mostly of stars hand-picked from this league.

Local fans will have a real opportunity to see how their favorites stack up against one of the most talented teams in the Southland. Local players who have agreed to play with the all-stars are: Pitchers, Todd, Barrett, and Fredinsberg; catchers, Murphy, Man Pelt, and Tuttle; first base, Oster, Gray and Tuzzalino; second base, B. Johnson, Lazzaretto and Regret; third base, Bradshaw, Pierce and C. Shepard; short stop, Raifz, White and Gomez; left field, Carlin, Lorenz and Bristol; centerfield, G. Johnson and Smith; rightfield, Williams, Montgomery and Bennett; reserves, Patterson and Morgenstern.

The games will be nine-inning affairs and Saturday's game will see three local squads in action, each playing three innings. Eighteen players will be chosen from these to go to the Lakewood Stadium for the return game there on August 7. Games are called at 8 p.m.

GERMAN TYPEWRITERS
A German factory, capable of producing typewriters to write virtually every known language, has already turned out more than 2000 machines for the U. S. Army since its capture.

J. Van Kralingen Finds Relatives In Holland Safe

Jacob Van Kralingen, brother of A. Van Kralingen, long-time Torrance resident, returned to his home in Holland to find his relatives all alive but suffering from under-nourishment, the local man revealed to the Torrance Herald after receiving a letter from his brother, a member of the Royal Dutch Merchant Marine.

Jacob Van Kralingen said he found the port of Rotterdam completely ruined, requiring years to rebuild. He said that even after liberation by the Allies, the prices were outrageous.

Tomatoes were selling for 50 cents each; cucumbers, 50 cents; peaches, \$1.25 each, and potatoes, 35 cents a pound. His son had lived for seven months underground, and a sister of the

men, Lena Van Kralingen, lost 85 pounds during Nazi occupation. Three nephews were forced into Nazi labor gangs and returned home, all underfed. All equipment, railways, electrical, gas and other utilities, were destroyed, and the big city was without any facilities. Stores were emptied of stock, and food had to be shipped in by the Allies.

When he arrived at his home city of Schiedam, his home streets were lined with flags in his honor, and accordion bands played everywhere, he said.

The seaman kept out of Nazi captivity and service by shipping from port to port in the service of the Allied governments, hauling supplies for the United Nations between England and Allied ports. He visited Torrance three years ago.

HIT NEW TRACKS
County supervisors expressed opposition to the establishment of any more race tracks in Los Angeles County.

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